

WILL NOT ENTER INTO AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION

NOTE DISPLEASING TO THE PRESIDENT

So Far as the Cabled Extracts as Are Seen by Him Are Concerned.

NO COMMENT MADE YET

Official Text is Being Awaited before Comment is to Be Made Officially.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Early today the state department had no official word from Vienna whatever, on Austria's reply to the Ancona note. Secretary Lansing read the news despatches containing extracts of the Austrian rejoinder but reserved any comment until he has received the full official text from Ambassador Penfield.

The official overnight despatches contained no indication that the reply had been delivered to Ambassador Penfield or that it was on its way to the United States. Official telegrams, however, have been generally behind the news despatches in most of the diplomatic exchanges with the German powers because of the difficulties of transmission and the long and intricate work of coding and decoding.

President Wilson read the outline of the reply as contained in the London despatches as soon as he reached the executive offices but there was no indication of how he regarded it.

It was known, however, that both the president and Secretary Lansing regarded the cable extracts, while they might be indicative of the whole tone of the reply, as too fragmentary to warrant comment.

In official circles the general impression prevails that the tenor of the cable extracts did not seem to forecast a favorable tone of the reply as a whole, still in the absence of the full text final opinion was reserved. Until the full text is received and laid before the president the situation may be described as still in suspense. Those officials closest to the president still are of the opinion that a thoroughly unsatisfactory reply from Austria will endanger the continuance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

It was made clear authoritatively, however, that if the whole text of the reply was in the same tone as the cabled extracts it would be regarded by the United States as unsatisfactory. It was made plain that the United States will not accept the suggestion of entering into diplomatic correspondence which may be prolonged.

Officials considered that the wording of the cabled extracts was vague but they felt in that connection the possibility that it may have been made vague in translation. That point was regarded as sufficient for reserving official comment until the official text is at hand.

One official of the state department, who spoke with full knowledge of its policy, declared positively that the United States would not enter into any exchange of opinion as Austria's reply suggests, and would absolutely refuse to enter into any discussion of the facts.

POLLY ESCAPES

From Road Gang Thursday and Sheriff Offers Reward for His Capture.

P. A. Polly who was sentenced on November 18 to serve two months in the county jail and on the roads for assaulting and beating D. H. Humphries, a prohibition officer, by James W. Robinson, judge of the criminal court, escaped Thursday morning from the road gang while it was forming in the jail yard to go to the Buckhannon road to work. Polly was not missed until the road gang started to leave the jail yard. No one saw him leave and the officers are having difficulty in getting a clue.

Sheriff Ross F. Stout offered a \$50 reward for his capture Thursday morning and gives the following description of Polly, short heavy set, light brown hair, face covered with pimples and two fingers of left hand half off. He is five feet tall and weighs 165 pounds.

Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by Sheriff Stout.

AUSTRIANS ADVANCING.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Austro-Hungarian troops pushing their advance in Montenegro have reached the vicinity of Bjelopetra, on the Lim river about twenty miles west of the Serbian border, it was announced by the war office.

LAST DAY TO ENTER TELEGRAM'S CONTEST

Held for Action of the Criminal Court Grand Jury by Magistrate Carter.

Thomas Heneghen and Fred Hummel were held for the next criminal court grand jury by Magistrate Jackson V. Carter, Wednesday night when they were arraigned in his court on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Both men furnished bond and were released.

Heneghen and Hummel were arrested recently by J. Walter Bee, of Parkersburg, John H. Tenney, deputy sheriff of Leno County, when they raided a room over the Home Bakery in Glen Elk. Eighty-six pints of whiskey was taken by the officers.

WOODMEN OF WORLD CONDEMN NEGLECT OF THE GAS COMPANY

To Furnish Gas to Consumers Especially to the Members of the Order.

Clarksburg Camp, No. 9, Woodmen of the World, elected its 1915 officers as follows Wednesday night:

Past counselor commander—J. H. Rogers.

Counselor commander—Dr. J. E. Price.

Advisory Lieutenant—J. C. Stealey.

Banker—F. O. Sutton.

Clerk—C. M. Ernest.

Escort—C. W. Coffman.

Watchman—O. A. Sturm.

Sentry—Leonard Wilson.

There will be a public installation of officers Wednesday night, January 5, followed with a banquet. J. C. Stealey was appointed chairman of the banquet committee.

The following was adopted:

"WHEREAS, the Woodmen of the World, Camp No. 9, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, believes itself to be one of the leading fraternal-beneficial organizations in the city of Clarksburg, having a very large membership and meeting weekly in one of the large halls of a leading building in said city and,

"WHEREAS, at two meetings of said camp held on the eighth and fifteenth days of December, 1915, there was a noticeable lack of gas

MRS. DREXEL WINS.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A judgment in favor of Margarita Armstrong Drexel, wife of the American banker, Anthony J. Drexel, was rendered today in her suit to recover money under a separation deed. The point involved was Mr. Drexel's motion to set aside the service of a notice of a writ by the wife to recover money due under the deed on the ground that his domicile was France and that therefore he was outside the jurisdiction of the English courts.

VACATION

Of Two Weeks with Pay is to Be Given All Employees of the Western Union.

The executives of the Western Union Telegraph Company have announced to all their employees, including messenger boys, that after January 1, 1916, two weeks vacation each year with pay will be granted to all those who have been continuously in the service of the company for two years or more, and those who have been continuously in the service for more than one year and less than two years will receive a vacation of one week with full pay.

This innovation on the part of a telegraph company, in which messengers are included for vacation with pay, is unprecedented and will result in an increased expenditure of many thousands of dollars. There are 75,000 persons in the employ of the telegraph company.

TO HOLD CONVENTION.

Wat Skinner, Joseph Lambert and M. W. McClun, members of the Citizens party of Northview, announce that a nominating convention of the Citizens party will be held at 7 o'clock Thursday evening in the town hall at Northview to nominate a ticket for the January election.

Bombshell is Exploded When Mrs. Brown Casts 221 Votes and Takes Lead.

This is the last day to enter the "Who Will Be Ruth" contest. Any girl or woman desiring to be Ruth or one of the supporting company must enter before 8 o'clock tonight by depositing a nomination ballot in the ballot box at the Clarksburg office. Only those having been nominated before 8 o'clock tonight can be in the great photoplay to be produced in Clarksburg and shown at the Robinson Grand.

A bombshell was exploded in the balloting Wednesday when Mrs. C. E. Brown cast 221 votes and took the lead in the contest. Her total vote is 336. Miss Goldie Wilkins is second with 302 votes and Miss Catherine Caville is third.

The standing of all candidates with the number of votes cast for each is as follows:

Miss Nell McLeod	185
Miss Reba Cohen	156
Mrs. C. E. Brown	336
Miss Mary Osborne	163
Miss Goldie Wilkins	302
Mrs. Ray Coffman	162
Miss Margaret Healey	124
Miss Dorothy Dickson	172
Miss Anne Martin	102
Mrs. J. O. Willis	101
Miss Ruth Henderson	118
Miss Helen Gardner	100
Miss Aladine Bassel	100
Miss Margaret Wilk	122
Miss Minnie Largent	165
Miss Lena O. Smith	115
Mrs. G. N. Wine	225
Miss Marie Hall	178
Miss Marie McKown	178
Miss Exie Mae Frame	161
Miss Zima Wery	120
Miss Jewel Miller	191
Miss Otta Yates	175
Mrs. Marcel Nesselrotte	100
Miss Catherine Caville	300
Mrs. Florence Glaspell	200
Miss Velma Jones	121
Miss Emma Miletad	102
Miss Trenna Mann	102
Miss Stella Williams	101
Miss Helen Sims	111

Excitement in getting votes.

The candidates for "Ruth" have created many novel ways of obtaining the Telegram coupons. Some have active campaign managers collecting the coupons for them; some have regular routes among their friends, over which they traverse every evening and rather up the coupons. One girl has lined up a number of newsboys and is taking all his unsold papers. Another has started a campaign of collecting coupons by visiting the business places in the city every day where they are being saved for her. Another enterprising girl has a string of newsboys getting the coupons from his customers after he delivers his route. And still another has employed a small boy to go about the city and everyone he sees reading a Telegram he asks for the coupon.

The interest in this great "Made in Clarksburg" motion picture is getting more tense as the contest draws to its close.

Mayor Makes Appeal

Mayor G. H. Gordon Thursday sent the following message of appeal to the governor of the state in connection with the gas situation here:

Governor H. D. Hatfield,

Charleston, W. Va.

This city is in the midst of the greatest gas field in the world. For some unexplained reason the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company has failed to provide a sufficient amount of gas for domestic and manufacturing uses, thereby entailing great suffering to our people and great financial loss to our manufacturing and labor interests. Can your excellency suggest anything to relieve this deplorable condition of affairs? Please wire answer immediately.

GAS COMPANY DENOUNCED BY BOARD OF TRADE

For Permitting the Needless Shortage of Gas in the City of Clarksburg.

A meeting of representative citizens was called Wednesday afternoon at the board of trade headquarters to discuss the gas situation. The following were present:

T. J. Lynch, president board of trade; Daniel Howard, president of the Independent Coal Operators Association; A. H. Cundell, of the Southern Pine Lumber Company; John A. McNicol, of the McNicol Pottery Company; Arthur Parsons, O. H. Burgham, general superintendent of the Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company; Lucius Hoge, Jr., Carl Hornor, C. H. Harding, of the Tuna Glass Company; Frank Gaylord, B. J. Gazy, manager Waldo hotel, W. A. Vance, W. M. B. Sine, of the Imperial Ice Cream Company; Daniel Ogden, of the D. M. Ogden Company; J. T. Swager, E. B. Jewett, of the National Carbon Company; E. W. James, Ellis Lyon, of the Monticello Brick Company; Mr. Niles, of the Travis Glass Company; Col. C. W. Leggett, A. D. Parr, of the Parr Lumber and Planing Mill Company; H. C. Hill, general manager of the Akro Agate Company; J. Horner Davis, F. L. Wilson, Clarksburg Casket Company; Robert Morris, and a representative of the Clarksburg Glass Company, the Lafayette Glass Company, and the Rolland Glass Company.

A report was made of the material facts adduced at the recent sessions of the public service commission held in this city, and the entire situation was discussed at length. Those present unanimously reaffirmed their desire and determination to continue their efforts to secure a full, fair and complete hearing with reference to the proposed increase in rates and to the limit of their power to support counsel representing the manufacturers, the citizens of Clarksburg and the board of trade in their continued efforts to secure an adequate supply of gas at reasonable rates, and to that end unanimously adopted the following resolution:

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